**Enchanted Forest Dioramas**

Definition of *diorama* from Dictionary.com:

A scene, often in miniature, reproduced in three dimensions by placing objects, figures, etc., in front of a painted background.

Basic supplies you’ll need for any diorama:

A box of some type, paper (construction paper is great), scissors, glue or paste, and crayons and markers. Additional supplies like scotch tape or craft tape, pipe cleaners, popsicle sticks, clay or play dough, small toys and figures are fun, too!

Step One: Choose your base

A **shoe box** makes a terrific base for your diorama but that’s just one option! You can use a tissue box, an Amazon box, or look around your house for any kind of disposable container. Your diorama can be as big or as small as you want!

Step Two: Create your background

If you’re using a cardboard box you can color directly on the surface or cut out colored construction paper to make your background. You can color plain white paper, too. Or use old wallpaper, wrapping paper, or even cut out pictures from magazines or the newspaper.

Step Three: Make and place the features in your diorama

We’re creating an enchanted forest so **TREES** are going to be a big part of our scene. How can you make trees? You can draw them, cut them out from magazines, use silk plants or real plants, make them out of tissue paper or crepe paper, make them out of feathers and pipe cleaners…use your imagination! I know you have great ideas!

What else could you add to your enchanted forest? Are their fairies there? Magical creatures like unicorns or centaurs? Do Snow White’s dwarves live there? Grandma from The Little Red Riding Hood? The witch’s candy house in Hansel and Gretel? Maybe your forest will be SCARY like The Forbidden Forest in Harry Potter. (Remember the HUGE spiders?!?) SO many stories take place in a forest! Be as creative as you can be and bring your diorama to life!

Step Four: Share!

We can’t be together live and in person but we want to see the dioramas you make! Please take a picture (or two…or three!) and email it to the library at AskUs@bburglibrary.net. You can even create a little video, if you like, telling us how you got your inspiration for your enchanted forest. Be sure to share tips with your library pals about how you made yours so life-like!

Some examples!

